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SUBJECT: MICHEL CADOL, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO  
MALAWI

1. MICHEL CADOL HAS RECENTLY BEEN NAMED FRENCH  
AMBASSADOR TO MALAWI, REPLACING RENE DE CROUY-CHANEL  
WHO HAS REPORTEDLY REACHED RETIREMENT AGE. PUBLISHED  
SOURCES NOTE THAT CADOL WAS BORN IN THE PARIS AREA  
IN 1919, THE SON OF A FRENCH DIPLOMAT. HE STUDIED  
AT THE COLLEGE OF SHANGHAI AND RECEIVED DEGREES FROM  
THE FREE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND THE NATIONAL  
SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES (SPECIALIZING IN THAI).  
HE SERVED WITH THE FRENCH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR  
DURING THE WAR BEFORE ENTERING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
IN 1945.

2. HIS ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED THIRD SECRETARY IN  
BANGKOK (1946-1949), SECOND SECRETARY AT THE SAME  
POST (1949-1952), ON LEAVE FROM THE MINISTRY (1952-  
1954), SECOND SECRETARY AT BANGKOK (1954-1956),  
SECOND SECRETARY AT BUDAPEST (1957-1960), SECOND  
COUNSELOR AT VIENTIANE (1960-1964), OFFICE OF ASIA AND  
OCEANIA AT THE QUAI (1964-1966), SECOND COUNSELOR IN  
DAJAKARTA (1966-197L) AND FIRST SECRETARY IN NEW  
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DELHI (SINCE 1971).

3. ALTHOUGH HOLDING THE RANK OF SECOND COUNSELOR IN VIENTIANE AND JAKARTA, CADOL WAS ACTUALLY DCM AT THESE TWO POSTS AS HE WAS ALSO IN NEW DELHI. AS SUCH, HE WAS FREQUENTLY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND THEREFORE PRINCIPAL CONTACT FOR THE US. ALTHOUGH SERVING IN ASIA AT A TIME WHEN FRENCH POLICY WAS FREQUENTLY HOSTILE TO US POLICY, CADOL WAS GENERALLY AN OBJECTIVE OBSERVER OF THE ASIA SCENE -- AS READY TO CRITICIZE HIS OWN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AS THOSE OF THE US -- AND BASICALLY COOPERATIVE WITH THE US. AS A STUDENT OF ASIA (KNOWING CHINESE AS WELL AS THAI AND MARRIED TO A SINO-THAI) CADOL WAS OFTEN OPPOSED TO THE SIMPLISTIC GAULLIST POLICIES OF PARIS, AND HIS CAREER ACCORDINGLY SUFFERED SOMEWHAT.

4. CADOL AND HIS WIFE BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH. HIS WIFE WAS A THAI CITIZEN, BUT HAD SOME CHINESE ANCESTRY LIKE MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BANGKOK ELITE. THE CADOLS HAVE AN ADULT DAUGHTER AND MRS. CADOL HAS A DAUGHTER BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE.

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